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Title :: Laser Printer and Image Forming Apparatus

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.